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In submitting this introduction to what some time in the future may be a very incomplete and fragmentary history of the Raub family, I am not making pretense of any genealogical attainments, and acknowledge that I rate only as an amateur. I can, however, assure any who may be interested in our history that I shall endeavor to give a record that at least has the virtue of accuracy. This is especially true with reference to the earlier generations, as most of my conclusions have been based upon church, will and deed records. For reasons of personal safety, our early forbears hesitated to wander far from the protection of established settlements. They stayed fairly close to the home area, and usually were members of certain church congregations that kept rather complete church records, and these, together with the various will and deed records and other available data, give quite an accurate picture of many of the early families.

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My father had a remarkable memory and really was the inspiration for my desire to delve back into the history of our family. He often talked of his ancestors. On occasion I reduced these conversations to writing, and this has been invaluable in unraveling some of the tangled relationships. My paternal grandfather died when my father was only fifteen years of age, yet father remembered much that he had heard from his father. My notes of the various conversations I had with father made it possible with very little effort to trace my own line back for more than a century. The more I have worked on our history, the more I am impressed with the importance of the good memory of some elderly person in clearing the confusion that so often arises from searching among church, cemetery, deed and other records. An ounce of memory is worth pounds of such records.

Many of you who read this brief outline may have no present interest whatever in your ancestry. Let me suggest, however, that some time in the future either you or some members of a future generation of your family may be vitally interested. Every family should collate their family data in some systematic form for a permanent record. In this connection, let me emphasize the importance of getting this data at once from the older members of your family. For, as I have said, the memory of some elder member will be of inestimable value in helping to build your family record.

Our distant forbears may have been only humble, hardworking pioneers. No matter how modest may have been their worldly accomplishments, yet if we have the least spark of curiosity or any imagination at all, there should be much of romance and glamour in contemplating the lives and activities of our remote ancestors.

"Any people who are indifferent to the noble achievements of remote ancestors are not likely to achieve anything worthy to be remembered by their descendants." Macaulay.

In the early days the records of immigrants to this country were quite incomplete and poorly preserved. "The Pennsylvania German Pioneers", by Strassburger and Hinke, is probably the most reliable compilation of the names making up the great German migration to this country in the middle of the 18th century. This upsurge of Germans coming to this country was known as the Palitinate Movement. They were seeking an asylum where they could escape from the unjust and oppressive laws of their native land. Above all, they sought civil and religious freedom, and not unlike the Pilgrims of New England, were willing to pay the price and endure the hardships and privations of a new undeveloped country.

In the year 1732, we find the first record of the Raubs coming to this country. They arrived in Philadelphia on the Ship Loyal Judith, September 25, 1732. After their arrival they took the oath of allegiance and also the oath of abjuration. Both on the Captain's list and at the time of taking the oaths of allegiance and abjuration, the names of Philip and Michael were in consecutive order. This must have been more than a coincidence, and doubtless shows a close relationship between Philip and Michael. The names of children under sixteen, and all women, were omitted from the scant records then kept. On the records, Peter's name was spelled Rauch. The name of Philip was spelled Raup and Raupp; the name of George was spelled Raub on both lists; and Michael's name was spelled Roup and Raub. ("Pennsylvania German Pioneers" - Vol. 1, page 88.)

All of the above settled in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, west of the Delaware River and south of the Lehigh. Later when Northampton County was formed from the northern part of Bucks County, George and Peter were located in the new county. Philip and Michael probably settled first near Durham Furnace, and Peter and George two or three miles up the Delaware River near the present site of Raubsville. The early settlers of Saucon and Durham and Williams Townships usually followed the Indian Trails from Philadelphia northward along what were known as the "Old Philadelphia" and "Old Bethlehem" roads.

PHILIP

Many of the early settlers of Springfield Township went up Cook's Creek, (now called Durham Creek), from Durham Furnace, hence we are not surprised to find that Philip on June 27, 1738, (Harrisburg Records, Department of Internal Affairs Survey C 176 Page 67) entered 130 acres in Springfield Township, about one mile south of Pleasant Valley. July 1, 1739, Maria Sara, wife of Philip, appeared as sponsor at a baptism at Williams Township Church. This was the congregation where Peter and George were members. After 1744, Philip and Maria Sara often appeared at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, or "Blue Church", in upper Saucon, near Coopersburg. They were usually accompanied by their son, Andrew, and daughter, Maria Barbara Reinhard, wife of John George Reinhard. After 1751, Philip and wife, Maria Sara, and son, Andrew, regularly appear at the Trinity Union Springfield Church, which was located less than a mile north of Pleasant Valley, and only about one and a half miles north of Philip's farm. The inscription on the front of the Springfield Church shows:

"Built 1763" - "Rebuilt 1816" - "Rebuilt 1872". Philip died in December, 1753, and Maria Sara, March 12, 1764, age 73 years and 9 months. She was buried in the Blue Church Cemetery. (Pennsylvania Magazine, Vol. 35, Page 196). (See also large Reinhard monument at Blue Church Cemetery.)

After the death of her husband, Philip, Maria Sara probably went to live with her daughter, Maria Barbara Reinhard, who with her husband resided in the Blue Church neighborhood.

Philip, on February 19, 1753, conveyed the home farm to his son, Andrew. On March 31, 1753, as shown by the records of Trinity Union Church of Springfield Township, Andrew married Charlotte Weber (Weaver) daughter of Jacob Weber. Under date of March 24, 1774, Andrew conveyed the farm to John Mann, and under date of May 6, 1773 he purchased a farm on Paulin's Kill, in Knowlton Township, Sussex County (now Warren County) New Jersey, and we find him and his wife, Charlotte, in Knowlton Church in November, 1773. From this, we must conclude that Andrew probably moved from Springfield Township, Bucks County, to Knowlton Township, Sussex County in the latter part of 1772 or early in 1773. I have no record of Philip and Maria Sara having any children other than Maria Barbara, who married Reinhard, above, and Andrew.

At this point, I should like to state definitely that Andrew was the first of our line to reside in Knowlton Township. "Chambers Early Germans of New Jersey", Page 467, makes this statement:

"Michael Raup, according to tombstones in Knowlton Cemetery, was one of the first settlers in Warren County, m. Harriotte, b. Feb. 13, 1733, d. 11-19-1791," and he adds that Michael probably had a child, Andrew, Sr. of Knowlton. It is true that John W. Raub, of Scranton, did erect a monument in Knowlton Cemetery that might justify the statement by the above author. However, the statement is incorrect, as "Harriotte" above was "Charlotte", and the actual tombstone of Charlotte Raup showed date of birth February 13, 1735 and her death November 19, 1791.

In 1916 on a check-up on Charlotte's tombstone, I found it showed her birth February 13, 1735, death November 19, 1791, age 56 years 9 months 6 days. Immediately adjacent to Charlotte's tombstone was another stone that was flat on the ground, and the inscription was impossible to read, but this was doubtless the tombstone erected over the grave of Andrew, husband of Charlotte. In 1941 I again visited Knowlton Cemetery and the tombstones of both Charlotte and Andrew were gone.

I might state that John W. Raub was a descendant of Michael, a son of Andrew.

Andrew Raub, (born 1730 - died 1809) and wife, Charlotte (nee Weber) - (born 1735 - died 1791) had the following children:

Michael, born 1754; died 1833; married Anna Kuhl (Cool)
Cecelia, born 1757; died 1828; married Peter Freese
Maria Barbara, born 1757; died _____; married Henry Shoemaker

Maria Elizabeth, born 1760; died _____; married Adam Bellis
Sarah, born 1763; died _____; married Henry Hertzell
Andrew, born 1766; died 1826; married Susanna Nyce
Jacob, born 1768; died 1852; married Catherine Vaught
Charlotte, born 1770; died _____; married Jacob Weis
Margaret, born 1771; died _____; married Robert Martin
Susanna, born 1773; died 1839; married Paul Kuhl (Cool)

My father, Jacob Raub, of Chalmers, White County, Indiana, was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, October 3, 1835, and died February 26, 1925. He was a direct descendant of BOTH PHILIP AND GEORGE. Andrew, son of Philip, of Knowlton Township, had a son, Andrew, Jr., who was my father's grandfather, and he married Susanna Nyce, (daughter of Maria Dorothea) a granddaughter of George Raub.

Many of the descendants of Philip still reside in Warren and Sussex Counties, New Jersey, and Susquehanna, Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties, Pennsylvania. Included are members of such well known families as Bellis, Fleming, Hamlen, Shoemaker, Rice, Lake, Luse, Kuhl (Cool), Freese, Stout, Sutton, Hertzell, McFall, Keyser, Lundy, Lanterman, Teel, Tittman, etc.

MICHAEL

Michael and wife, Anna Maria, on September 15, 1733, had a son, John Michael, baptized at Durham Furnace. (Rev. John Casper Stover's Records.) Michael and Anna Maria appear at Williams Church as parents of Peter, born October 11, 1741. According to Williams Church Records, Michael, on February 6, 1750, married a second time, - this time to Mrs. Maria Magdalena Dingler, nee Zeller, and on March 9, 1751, they had a daughter, Maria Eva, baptized at Williams Church. In October, 1751, Michael and Maria Magdalena appear as sponsors at the Blue Church in upper Saucon, and again as the parents of Maria Louisa, who was baptized at Blue Church, March 22, 1753. Michael later went to Hamilton Township, near Stroudsburg, (now Monroe County), where he died in 1758. George, who resided in Williams Township, in the southern part of Northampton County, which was a considerable distance from Hamilton Township, was appointed Administrator, as successor to Michael, to settle the estate of Michael's son-in-law, Peter Sohn, who had been killed by the Indians. George's appointment is mentioned as further indicating that Michael was probably a brother of George. Unfortunately, I have no definite data as to the descendants of Michael. Michael, in addition to Maria Louisa, who married Peter Sohn, had several other children, among whom was a son, Michael, who according to the records of the Lutheran Reformed Church, of Hamilton Township, had children, Anna Margaretha, John Barthold, Verona, and Johan Michael. All trace of this Raub family in Hamilton Township disappears after 1776. There is some evidence that they may have removed to Wyoming Valley, near Scranton.

PETER and GEORGE

Peter and George lived and died in Williams Township, Northampton County. According to the Harrisburg Records, George entered 200 acres in Williams

Township, October 2, 1737; Peter entered 100 acres September 23, 1740, and both George and Peter procured their patents to this land June 15, 1748. The old stone residence erected by Andrew, son of George, is a landmark, and stands close to the Delaware River, below Raubsville. This residence is still owned and occupied by descendants of Andrew. It was from this general location that General George Washington took the Raub boats to enable him to ferry his army across the river before the battle of Trenton.

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Peter, born 1697; died 1753; had wife Susanna, and the following children:

Sophia, born 1722; died 1748; married (1) Jacob Abel

(2) Peter Melick

Anna Margaret, born 1727; died _____; married Jacob Zug (Zook)

Michael, born 1733; died 1816; married Maria Elizabeth Meyer

Jacob, born 1737; died _____; married Maria Eva Rosina _____

The above Michael and Maria Elizabeth had a number of children, among whom were Peter, Jacob M., William, and Christopher.

George Raub, (born 1705, died 1780) and wife, Maria Barbara (nee Acker?) had the following children:

Andrew, born 1734; died 1807; married Magdalena Heimu

Leonard, born 1736; died 1824; married Anna Christina _____

Maria Eva, born 1737; died young

George Wilhelm, born 1741; died 1815; married (1) Catherine Kleiss

(2) Elizabeth Sailor,
left no children

Maria Dorothea, born 1743; died _____; married William Nyce

Maria Barbara, born 1739; died 1812; married Valentine Beidelman

Elizabeth, born 1745; died _____; never married

Jacob, born 1747; died about 1772; no record of any marriage

Margaretha, born 1747; died 1829; married Henry Hains (Hantz)

Johannes, born 1750; died _____; never married

Both Peter and George and their descendants appear numerous times in the Williams Township Church Records. (These records include Morgan Hill and other congregations.) Practically all the Raubs in Northampton, Bucks, and Lehigh Counties, Pennsylvania, and Greenwich and Oxford Townships, Warren County, New Jersey, are descendants of Peter and George. Included are members of such well known families as Abel, Howell, Hoffman, Beidelman, Fox, Shoemaker, Bougher, Sailor, Melick, Bachman, Keyser, Rice, Klein, Fretz, Halpin, Sandt, Fehr, Steckel, Vogel, Bornman, Bercaw, Black, Stern, Jacoby, Lehr, Whitesell, Transue, Unangst, Grube, Heinline, Ensley, Kleinhans, Savage, Kugler, Zearfoss, Zeiner, etc.

JACOB

A Jacob Raub appears in the Williams Township Church Records and he and his wife, Elizabeth, had a daughter, Barbara, baptized March 9, 1746. I have not previously mentioned this Jacob, but probably he was among those arriving in 1732, and may have been under age 16 and not shown on the immigrant lists. A Jacob Raub, possibly the same, and daughter, Dorothea, were sponsors at the baptism of Jacob, son of Michael and Maria Elizabeth, at Williams Church, January 10, 1759. Unfortunately, I have no further data as to this Jacob.

I am inclined to believe that Philip, Peter, George, and Michael were brothers. The fact that all four came to America at the same time, on the same ship, and settled in the same neighborhood, would indicate close relationship. The following seems conclusive proof of the relationship. Andrew, son of Philip, moved across the Delaware River to Knowlton Township, Sussex County, now Warren County, New Jersey, and had a grandson, John, (born 1799, died 1866), who resided in Knowlton Township. George had a grandson, Bernard, (born 1773, died 1849), son of Leonard, who settled in Greenwich Township, Sussex County, now Warren County, New Jersey. About 1910 Nicholas Harris, then one of the older citizens of Warren County, and a former Mayor of Belvidere, told me that Bernard, (Barnet) many years before had told him that he, Barnet, was a cousin of John. Mr. Harris, who was related to John by marriage, could not remember Barnet's explanation.

My own father recalled that his father had told him that when the Knowlton Township cousins on the Jersey side of the Delaware River visited the Williams Township cousins on the Pennsylvania side, they could not converse with each other, because the New Jersey Raubs spoke English and the Pennsylvania Raubs spoke German. This close relationship is also indicated by the fact that George Raub, of Williams Township, had a grandson, Andrew, baptized June 22, 1766 at Williams Church, and according to a birth certificate in the possession of Elizabeth and Nannie Raub, of Washington, D. C., Philip's son Andrew, and wife, Charlotte (nee Weber) were sponsors at the baptism. Inasmuch as Andrew, son of Philip, and his wife, Charlotte, resided below Pleasant Valley, in Bucks County, they were thus required to journey some twelve miles or more to the Williams Township Church to participate in this ceremony.

THE FAMILY NAME

According to Strassburger and Hinke there were three lists of the names of immigrants. "A" was the Captain's list; "B" was the list of those who took the oath of allegiance; and "C" was the list of those who made the oath of abjuration. All immigrants who took oaths of allegiance and abjuration were required to sign their own names or sign by mark. The signatures of those arriving at Philadelphia, September 25, 1732, on the ship Loyal Judith, are shown on lists 24B and 24C. The records of Strassburger and Hinke also show facsimilies of the original signatures on the two lists. The lists below are their conclusions as to the spelling of the names. I have also included some other names closely associated with our family.

| 24 B | 24 C |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Hans Adam Abel, age 44 | Hans Adam Abel |
| Johann Jacob Abel, age 16 | Johann Jacob Abel |
| | |
| Heinrick Acker, age 32 | Heinrich Acker |
| | |
| Peter Rauch, age 35 | Peter Rauch |
| | |
| Philip Raup, age 51 | Philip Raupp |
| his | his |
| Michl X Roup, age 22 | Michael X Raub |
| mark | mark |
| | |
| Hans Jerg Raub, age 27 | Hans Jerg Raub |

The ages shown after the several names under 24B were taken from the Captain's list and really do not belong under this list.

I have examined the original facsimile signatures. Those of Peter and Philip are quite illegible. George's signature was in German script, and plainly was "Raub". The signature of Michael was made by a scrivener and the name is spelled "Roup" on one list and "Raub" on the other.

Even though Strassburger and Hinke show the name Peter Rauch, yet I am satisfied it was Raub. Peter, according to the Captain's list, was age 35. The first entry in the records of Williams Township Church show that Peter Raup and wife, Susanna, had a son Michael, baptized April 17, 1733. Peter also had a daughter, Sophia, who in 1742 married Jacob Abel, possibly the same Johann Jacob Abel, who was among those arriving on the Ship Loyal Judith, 1732. Peter's early association with the Williams Township Church and the fact that he had a daughter ten or twelve years of age when he arrived in this country, and that his daughter married Jacob Abel, are rather persuasive of the conclusion that Peter Rauch was in fact Peter Raub.

The Williams Township Church Records are quite inconsistent in the spelling of the name. It is variously spelled Raup, Raupp, Roup, Rope, and Raub, probably because the records were made by many different persons. The same is true of the deed records. The scriveners who wrote the deeds usually spelled the name Roup. The confusion may have come about by the fact that the name R A U B when pronounced by our German ancestors, phonetically sounded more like R A U P than R A U B.

After all, we must assume that our ancestors knew more about how to spell their own names than anyone else. George's and Michael's names, referred to above, were plainly spelled R A U B. On December 24, 1778, George Raub and wife, Barbara, conveyed certain real estate to their son Andrew, and George personally signed his name George "R A U B" (See Deed Record C-1 484 Northampton County. The recorded deed shows that Barbara signed by mark "X". Her name written by the scrivener was spelled "Raup").

Further evidence of confusion in the spelling is illustrated by the following: I have a photostat of the original birth certificate of Wilhelm, son of Christopher and grandson of Peter. This shows "Wilhelm R A U P" born October 17, 1790. Wilhelm married Susanna Lehr. Her original church membership certificate, dated June 12, 1829, was recently deposited with the Northampton Historical Society, at Easton, by Mrs. Chiverton N. McCrea, of Berwick, Pennsylvania, and shows her name as "Susanna R A U B".

In addition to the copies of signatures on the Immigration Records, I have endeavored to find some original signatures, and have in my possession two original instruments, - one a receipt signed by Michael R A U B, executed September 23, 1799. This Michael was a grandson of Philip; and the other is an original parchment deed, dated April 5, 1810, and recorded in Deed Record F.2 p. 78, Northampton County. This deed was actually signed in person by three grandsons of George, and the names are spelled Henry R A U B, Andrew R A U B and Gottfried R A U B.

By about 1830 all the family in Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey uniformly spelled the name R A U B, so today practically all our family spell the name R A U B. However, prior to 1830, Leonard and Philip, two grandsons of George; William, (who married Susanna Lehr) and Jacob, two grandsons of Peter, had migrated to Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and they and MOST of their descendants have used the spelling R A U P. In addition Jacob L. and Samuel L., also grandsons of George, migrated to Ferguson Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania, and they and their descendants have spelled the name R O U P.

After all, what's in a name? It is only an identification tag, and so long as we know that we stem from a common ancestry, the spelling doesn't make much difference. Finally, let me assure all who may be descendants of those early pioneers, who landed at Philadelphia, September 25, 1732, that we have an honorable ancestry, - loyal and industrious men and women of the quality that has helped to build and make our country great.

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OTHER RAUBS

I have not been able to find any Raubs coming to this country prior to 1732, the date our ancestors arrived. However, in 1750 and 1751, we find a Michael, Jacob and Jonas Raub arriving. Jonas and Michael, and possibly Jacob, settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and were the progenitors of that splendid Lancaster Raub family. Dr. Michael W. Raub, father of Rev. F. Elwood Raub, who was President of our Raub Family Association for many years, was a splendid representative of that family. I knew Dr. Michael rather intimately, and through many years we exchanged numerous letters. During the years we accumulated much evidence that convinced us that the Lancaster and Northampton County Raubs sprang from a common ancestry, but just how we were related we were never able to determine.

I have preserved and treasured many of Dr. Raub's letters. We always addressed each other as cousin. Doubtless one of the by-products of our acquaintance, correspondence and research was a history of his own family, which he completed shortly before his death. Rev. F. Elwood has a copy of this history, and I sincerely trust that it may be deposited in some appropriate library where this contribution to the history of our family may be readily available to all who may be interested.

In the early part of the 19th century, there was a Raub family in Mercer County, Pennsylvania. (See Deed Record 21 - 544. 9-19-1833.) I have talked with some of the descendants of this family, and one with whom I talked thought his grandfather, Henry Raub, came to this country in about 1800. Many of the descendants of this family reside in and around By Cyrus, Larue, and Marion Ohio.

D. Christian Raub, the progenitor of another Raub family, was born in 1823, came to this country from Germany about the middle of the 19th century, and owned real estate in ~~Millard~~^{Fiske} County, Pennsylvania, but resided at the time in St. Louis, Missouri. The deed is recorded in Deed Record 39, Page 12. I am under the impression that when he first came to this country he settled in

Pike County, Pennsylvania. He had children: Mrs. Emmeline R. Fischer, of Cairo, Illinois, Warren C. Raub, of St. Louis, Missouri, (deceased) and Franklin C. Raub, of Bartelsville, Oklahoma, (deceased).

Maxmillian Raub: This family originally settled in and around Joliet, Illinois, and are said to have come to this country from Alsace Lorraine, France, about 1850. Many of the descendants of this family reside in and around Joliet and Chicago, Illinois. Harry D. Raub, one of the descendants, resides in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In addition to the Lancaster family, of which I have considerable data, I also have some scant data on the other Raub families mentioned above.

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CONCLUSION

The work of compiling our family history is somewhat like solving a jigsaw puzzle; until you get the last block placed, you don't want to give up. Even though you have all the blocks, it takes much patience and time to complete the design. On the other hand, if you do not have all the blocks your design cannot be completed.

I have much unassimilated and detached data, - data that I have been trying to fit into our family history. I can never hope to have a complete history. To me it will always be an "unfinished symphony." However, in the not too far distant future, I expect to deposit whatever I may have in the Easton City Library, at Easton, Pennsylvania.

The work has been fascinating. I have met many interesting and charming people, and above all, have had a great thrill out of the experience of meeting and conversing with the ever-increasing membership of our clan.

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